

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1745.

the AUTHOR of the DAILY GAZETTEER.

SIR,

Have lately seen a Manuscript Pamphlet, entitled, *Matters of Fact stated*; plainly proving, That a Harbour opening into the Downs, near Sandown Castle, may be made; which would be much better, safer, and more Commodious in every respect, than that of Dunkirk ever was.

PART I. Relating to Dunkirk.

Account of the many fruitless Attempts of the French towards making Harbours on their Coast, opening into the British Channel. — A succinct History of Dunkirk. — A particular Description of its Road and Port, when in its most perfect State. — Detail of the several Squadrons of Ships of War, as well as privateers, fitted out at Dunkirk in the last War; their Number of Guns, and Men; on what Service they were employed, and with what Success. — The Number of Merchant Ships which sailed out of Dunkirk in the same Interval of Time, and whither they went. — A Description of a new Harbour (in every respect preferable to that of Dunkirk when most flourishing) which the French began at Mardyke, even before Dunkirk was demolished. — A Translation of the Earl of Stair's Memorial to the Ministers of Lewis XIV. for obtaining the complete Demolition of Dunkirk, and that of the new Harbour at Mardyke. — A Memorial of Monsieur le Blanc (promoted by the Regent of France to the Post of Secretary of State) presented to the French King, in Opposition to the said Memorial; shewing the many Advantages which would accrue to the French, both in Peace and War, by opening a new Harbour near Mardyke, and the Mischief and Dangers which the English, in particular, might justly fear from such a Harbour. — Highly worthy the Perusal, and the very serious Consideration of every Person who has any Regard for the Trade and Commerce of Great Britain.

PART II. Relating to the Downs.

Description of the Road called the Downs, and adjacent Country. — Some Account of the Attempt, in the Time of King Edward VI. for opening a Harbour from Sandwich into the Downs; and a Description of its Remains, with Remarks. — Copy of the Report, and Substance of the Estimate delivered by the Commissioners appointed by Q. Elizabeth, for taking a Survey of Sandwich Haven; and for their Opinion as to the making a better Harbour near Sandown Castle; with Remarks. — Copy of the Report and Estimate, delivered in by the Persons appointed in 1706, to Survey, and estimate the Expence of opening a new Harbour from Sandwich into the Downs; which is prefixed a Copy of their Instructions, and the Order of the Flag Officers, and many Commanders of her Majesty's Royal Navy, who then gave it their Opinion, That such a Harbour may be of a great Advantage to the Public; with Remarks. — The Substance of the Evidence produced before the Committee appointed by the Honourable the House of Commons to examine the Matters contain'd in the Petition presented to the House April the 2d, 1736, for opening a new Harbour near the Downs. — Address of the Honourable the House of Commons to his Majesty, April 24, 1744, for a new Survey to be taken, with an Estimate of the Expence of a new Harbour to be made near Sandown Castle; together with his Majesty's most gracious Answer. — Copy of the Orders issued in Consequence thereof. — Copy of the Instructions from the Navy-Board, to the Persons appointed to take the Survey, and make the Estimate. — Copy of the whole Proceedings of the said Persons, with their Report, Plans, and Estimates, as delivered to the Lords of the Admiralty. — An impartial Comparison, between a new Harbour, which may be open'd into the Downs near Sandown Castle, and the Harbour of Dunkirk in its most perfect State, under the following Heads. — 1stly, Healthiness of the Place. — 2^dly, Fitness of the Ground. — 3^dly, Plenty and Cheapness of the necessary Materials. — 4thly, Depth of Water. — 5thly, Safety of the Tides. — 6thly, Plenty of Back-

water to scour and preserve the Harbour. — 8thly, Convenience, not only for building and fitting, but also for docking large Ships of War, and the largest Merchant Ships, at any Time, without waiting for Spring Tides; an Advantage of the utmost Consequence, both in Peace and War, and which no Port in Great Britain now affords. — Hence will evidently appear, that the Advantages of the Harbour propos'd in the Downs, near Sandown Castle, would far exceed all those which Dunkirk was reckon'd to have, when in its most perfect State; and might be completed at a very inconsiderable Expence, if compared with the vast Sums which Dunkirk cost. — Queries relating to the great Importance of having such a Harbour in the Downs, sent to the Author by a Lover of his Country; and submitted to the Public.

Illustrated with all the necessary Plans and Maps, engraved on Copper Plates, from actual Surveys and original Drawings.

In Magnis volumis.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Faro, January 6. Eight of the French Squadron sailed from the Bay of Cadiz the 3d Instant, in the Morning, on a Cruise, as was generally believed, off Cape St. Vincent; and Nine more remained in Port.

Faro, January 13. His Majesty's Sloop the Shark, Capt. Hughes, arrived here Yesterday from Gibraltar. Before she came off the Bar, and in Sight of the Port, she took a Spanish Barcolongo Privateer, of eight Carriage Guns, besides Swivels, and 65 Men, after a short Engagement, in which the Captain of the Privateer, and two or three more were kill'd, and several others wounded. The Privateer was fitted out at Cadiz, and newly come from thence upon this Coast.

Lisbon, January 20. Two Days ago we had Advice of Admiral Torres's being arrived at Ferrol, from the Havanna, with two 70, two 60 Gun Ships, and two Frigates, which list are said to be French. His Britannick Majesty's Ship the Phoenix look'd into Cadiz the 19th of December, at which Time there were twelve Sail of French in Cadiz Bay, ten of which were thought to be Ships from 50 to 70 Guns, and ready for the Sea. The Court of Portugal is, at present, in Mourning for the Duchess Dowager of Lorraine, and the Archduchess, late Governess of the Netherlands.

Bonn, February 1. A few Days ago a French Party came to Neuwied, two Leagues on this Side Coblenz, and made Search after Count Linange, who is raising a Regiment in this Neighbourhood for the Service of the States General. He was luckily gone from thence a few Hours before the Party arrived; but they seized, and carried off five of his Recruits, and about 20 Suits of Regimentals which they found in the Hands of a Taylor.

Hague, February 5. Yesterday Morning died Count Walsener Opdam, after an Indisposition of a few Days.

HOME PORTS.

Deal, February 1. Remain in the Downs his Majesty's Ships Jersey, Harwich, Winchester, and Ludlow Castle; the five Dutch Men of War, and all the Outward-bound Ships.

Deal, February 2. Last Night his Majesty's Ships Jersey and Ludlow Castle, with the Outward-bound Ships, sailed to the Westward. Arrived his Majesty's Sloop Wolf, from the Westward, with the Rushout Privateer; and the Granado Bomb, from the Northward; and remain in the Downs his Majesty's Ships Winchester and Harwich, with the Dutch Men of War, and the Kent, Robson, for East India.

Gravefend, February 1. Passed by the Kirtle, Otter, the Farlingo, Hecoten, and the Young Tobias, —

LONDON.

The Swift and Young Eagle Privateers have taken, and sent into the Downs, a Dantzick Ship of 220 Tons, laden with Planks, bound to Breff.

This Morning the Foot Forces intended for the Defence of Annapolis Royal, are to embark at Gravefend, on board the Three Friends, and the other Transports taken up for that Purpose; they being to sail by the 8th Instant, with the Merchant Ships and the Convoy order'd for New England.

They write from Antigua, that his Majesty's Ship the Eltham, Captain Durell, with the Anne, Philips, laden with Stores for New England, that put into that Island to repair the Damages they receiv'd in their Passage from England, sailed from that Island the 6th of November, for Boston.

Last Friday died, advanced in Years, at his House in Aldermanbury, Mr. Augustine Collins, an eminent Attorney at Law.

Last Saturday died, at her House in Eastcheap, Mrs. Hester Hill, a Maiden Gentlewoman of a handsome Fortune.

Yesterday Mr. Piercy Hill, Turner to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, attempted to drown himself in a Water Tub, by throwing himself in Head foremost, at his House in Kingstreet, Westminster; but being taken out alive, was blooded, and put into a warm Bed, by which Means he came to himself; and about two Hours after he cut his Throat with a Case Knife, but mis'd the Windpipe: The Wound was sown up by Mr. Prestgrave, an eminent Surgeon in Crown Court; but 'tis thought he can't recover.

Last Saturday being Candlemas Day, the same was observed at Court as a high Festival; when the Knights Companions of the most Noble Order of the Garter, Thistle, and Bath, appeared in the Collars of their respective Orders.

To-morrow the Petty-Constables of the City and Liberty of Westminster are ordered to attend in the Town Court House adjoining to Westminster Hall, and then and there to make a proper Return of all Gaming Houses, Bawdy Houses, Night Cellars, and other Houses of ill Fame within the said City and Liberty, in order that they may be prosecuted to the utmost Severity of the Law.

Last Saturday died, after a tedious Indisposition, — Bartlet, Esq; a Gentleman possess'd of a considerable Estate.

Yesterday the Court went into Mourning for her Royal Highness the late Duchess Dowager of Lorraine.

Mahon Harbour, December 8. Vice-Admiral Rowley arrived off this Port the 13th inst, with the Fleet under his Command, together with the Victuallers and Store-ships, the most Part of which got in with him the same Night. Capt. Gascoigne, and eight Sail, were left without, to see the rest of the Transports and Victuallers in before him; and by the 15th at Night they all got in, except the Nonsuch and Chatham, which also are since arrived. There is Advice from Capt. Ambrose of the 18th of November last, that he had taken two French Merchant Ships, laden with Fish from Newfoundland, and retaken an English Merchantman, called the Success, William Palmer, Master, going from Cork to Lisbon, with salt Provisions. He likewise sunk a French Privateer; but in trying to save her People, had the Misfortune to lose Mr. Bell, his Third Lieutenant, with two of his Men.

BANKRUPTS.

Thomas Siddall, late of Stockport, in the County of Chester, Grocer and Chapman.

Furlong Rayner, of the Parish of St. Paul Covent Garden, in the County of Middlesex, Miliner and Chapman.

James Hind, of Upton, in the Parish of Westham, in the County of Essex, Butcher, Dealer, and Chapman. Roeloff Grootert, of Hand-Alley, Bishopsgate-Street, London, Weaver.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London-Bridge.	5 00 58	01 30

Bank Stock, Nothing done. India, 179. South Sea, 109. Old Annuity, 109 5-8ths. New ditto, 108 1-8th. Three per Cent. Nothing done. Ditto 1743, 88 1-8th. Ditto 1744, 88. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Royal Assurance, 87. London Assurance, 11 1-4th. India Bonds, 20 s. Bank Circulation, 21. 5 s. Salt Tallow, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Million Bank, 115 1-half. Equivalent, 108.

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